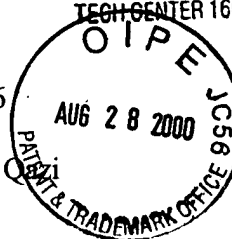


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three months (a two-month Petition for Extension of Time with the statutory fee (\$380.00) was filed on August 1, 2000), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of March 1, 000 to September 1, 2000.

A check for the statutory fee of \$490.00 (\$870.00-\$380.00) is attached. Please charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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